

In the Claims:

Claims 1-46 (cancelled)

47. (currently amended) A combination packaging and structural system adapted to that protects a product during shipment and that is formable to be formed into a structural unit, the combined packaging and structural system comprising:

a plurality of three-dimensional elements;

wherein each of the three-dimensional elements includes a cavity formed therein that is adapted to be removably mated to a portion of the product during shipment of the product in a shipping configuration, wherein in the shipping configuration, the plurality of three-dimensional elements removably mate with the product to form a composite structure;

wherein each of the three-dimensional elements includes an interlocking portion that is adapted to interlock with an interlocking portion of another three-dimensional element of the plurality of three-dimensional elements; and

wherein the plurality of three-dimensional units are adapted to be directly interlocked using their interlocking portions to hold the plurality of three-dimensional units in a structural configuration to form the structural unit, wherein the structural configuration differs from the shipping configuration.

48. (currently amended) The combination packaging and structural system of claim 47, wherein when the plurality of three-dimensional elements are removably mated to the product, a the composite structure is formed that is adapted to fit an internal shape of within a shipping container.

49. (currently amended) The combination packaging and structural system of claim 48:
wherein the plurality of three-dimensional elements comprise ~~six~~ eight three-dimensional elements;
wherein the composite structure includes ~~six~~ eight corners; and
wherein each of the ~~six~~ eight three-dimensional elements corresponds to a respective corner of the ~~six~~ eight corners.

50. (previously presented) The combination packaging and structural system of claim 48:
wherein the plurality of three-dimensional elements comprise two three-dimensional elements; and
wherein each of the two three-dimensional elements corresponds to a respective half of the composite structure.

51. (previously presented) The combination packaging and structural system of claim 50,
wherein respective cavities of the two three-dimensional elements are adapted to receive a respective side of the product.

52. (previously presented) The combination packaging and structural system of claim 47,
wherein the interlocking portion comprises a tongue and groove structure formed in a surface of the three-dimensional element.

53. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 47, wherein the interlocking portion comprises a tongue and groove structure formed in a plurality of surfaces of the three-dimensional element.

54. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 47, wherein the plurality of three-dimensional elements are foam structures.

55. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 47, wherein the structural unit comprises a construction product.

56. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 47, wherein the structural unit comprises a flotation product.

57. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 47, wherein the structural unit comprises a portion of a wall form for pourable building material.

58. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 47, wherein each of the plurality of three-dimensional elements further comprises a connector opening adapted to receive a connector that permanently joins the plurality of three-dimensional elements.

59. (previously presented) The combination packaging and structural system of claim 47, wherein at least one of the plurality of three-dimensional elements further comprises a passage formed therein.

60. (currently amended) A combination packaging and structural system ~~adapted to that~~ protects a plurality of products during shipment and ~~that is formable to be formed~~ into a structural unit, the combined packaging and structural system comprising:

a plurality of three-dimensional elements;

wherein each of the three-dimensional elements includes a plurality of cavities, each cavity of the plurality of cavities adapted to be removably mated to a portion of a respective product of the plurality of products ~~during shipment in a shipping configuration, wherein in the shipping configuration, the plurality of three-dimensional elements removably mate with the plurality of products to form a composite structure;~~

wherein each of the three-dimensional elements includes an interlocking portion, wherein the interlocking portion is adapted to interlock with an interlocking portion of another three-dimensional element of the plurality of three-dimensional elements; and

wherein the plurality of three-dimensional units are adapted to be directly interlocked using their interlocking portions to hold the plurality of three-dimensional units in a structural configuration to form the structural unit, wherein the structural configuration differs from the shipping configuration.

61. (currently amended) The combination packaging and structural system of claim 60, wherein ~~when the plurality of three-dimensional elements are removably mated to the product, a~~

the composite structure is formed that is adapted to fit an internal shape of within a shipping container.

62. (currently amended) The combination packaging and structural system of claim 61:
wherein the plurality of three-dimensional elements comprise ~~six~~ eight three-dimensional elements;

wherein the composite structure includes ~~six~~ eight corners; and

wherein each of the ~~six~~ eight three-dimensional elements corresponds to a respective corner of the ~~six~~ eight corners.

63. (previously presented) The combination packaging and structural system of claim 61:
wherein the plurality of three-dimensional elements comprise two three-dimensional elements; and
wherein each of the two three-dimensional elements corresponds to a respective half of the composite structure.

64. (currently amended) The combination packaging and structural system of claim 63,
wherein each of the two three-dimensional elements includes a plurality of cavities adapted to receive a-respective sides of the plurality of products.

65. (previously presented) The combination packaging and structural system of claim 60,
wherein the interlocking portion comprises a tongue and groove structure formed in a surface of the three-dimensional element.

66. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 60, wherein the interlocking portion comprises a tongue and groove structure formed in a plurality of surfaces of the three-dimensional element.

67. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 60, wherein the plurality of three-dimensional elements are foam structures.

68. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 60, wherein the structural unit comprises a construction product.

69. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 60, wherein the structural unit comprises a flotation product.

70. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 60, wherein the structural unit comprises a portion of a wall form for pourable building material.

71. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 60, wherein each of the plurality of three-dimensional elements further comprises a connector opening adapted to receive a connector that permanently joins the plurality of three-dimensional elements.

72. (previously presented)The combination packaging and structural system of claim 60, wherein at least one of the plurality of three-dimensional elements further comprises a passage formed therein.